GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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PUNCTUALITY OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the punctuality performance of trains since January, 2004 till date;

(b) the reasons for late arrival of trains;

(c) whether the responsibility / accountability has been fixed against Railway staff for late arrival of trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action being taken/to be taken by the Government for improving the operations of trains and ensuring punctuality alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The punctuality performance of trains on Indian railways during the period January 2004 to February 2005 was 90.2 % in Broad Gauge and 96.8 % in Metre Gauge.

(b): The reasons for late running of trains are agitations/bundhs, alarm chain pulling, miscreant activities, bad weather, flood, fog, land slide, cattle run over, late arrival of rake, engineering restrictions, human failures, grid failures , asset failures & human failures etc.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. During the period January 2004 to February 2005, 4530 staff have been taken up for detention to trains.

(e): Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring at different level i.e Division, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board are being undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers level are also launched. Due to this, the punctuality of various trains has been satisfactory.